It is claimed:

1.   A method of controlling an operations and display mode of an optical disc player between a user agent mode and a video playback mode, comprising:

reading an interactive program stored on a local optical disc, wherein said interactive program includes a first function that specifies said video playback mode;

changing said operations mode of said optical disc player to said specified mode;

displaying a video menu in a foreground of a displaying device; and

running a user agent menu in a background of said displaying device.

2.   The method of claim 1, wherein said first function further disables a user control interface to prevent a user from changing said operations mode of said optical disc player.

3.   The method of claim 1, wherein said first function does not disable a user control interface, allowing a user to change said operations mode of said optical disc player.

4.   The method of claim 1, wherein said interactive program further includes a second function that enables a user control interface to allow a user to change said operations mode of said optical disc player.

5.   The method of claim 1, wherein said optical disc player comprises a dedicated optical disc player.

6.   The method of claim 1, wherein said optical disc player is embodied in a computer system.

7.   The method of claim 1, further comprising:

changing said operations mode of said optical disc player to said user agent mode; and

displaying said user agent menu in said foreground of said displaying device.

8.   An optical disc for controlling an operations and display mode of an optical disc player between a user agent program and a video playback mode, comprising:

3   an interactive program including a first function that causes said optical disc player to

4   change said operations mode to said video playback mode, wherein a video menu is displayed

5   in a foreground of displaying device and a user agent menu is running in a background of said

6   displaying device;

7   said interactive program further including a second function that causes said

8   operations mode to change from said video playback mode to said user agent mode, wherein

9   said user agent menu is displayed in said foreground of said displaying device.

1   9.   The optical disc of claim 8, wherein said first function further disables a user

2   control interface of said optical disc player to prevent a user from changing said operations

3   mode of said optical disc player.

1   10.   The optical disc of claim 8, wherein said first function does not disable a user

2   control interface of said optical disc player, allowing a user to change said operations mode of

3   said optical disc player.

1   11.   The optical disc of claim 8, wherein said interactive program further includes

2   a third function that enables a user control interface of said optical disc player to allow a user

3   to change said operations mode of said optical disc player.

1   12.   The optical disc of claim 8, wherein said optical disc comprises a digital

2   versatile disc.

1   13.   The optical disc of claim 8, wherein said optical disc player comprises a

2   dedicated optical disc player.

1   14.   The optical disc of claim 8, wherein said optical disc player is embodied in a

2   computer system.

1   15.   A computer readable medium storing a program interpreter that recognizes

2   and causes an execution of a first function stored in a local optical disc of an optical disc

3   player, wherein said first function causes an operations mode of said optical disc player to

4   change to a video playback mode wherein a video menu is displayed in a foreground of a

5   displaying device and a user agent menu is running in a background of said displaying device.

1   16.   The computer readable medium of claim 15, wherein said first function

2   further disables a user control interface to prevent a user from changing said operations mode

3   of said optical disc player.

1   17.   The computer readable medium of claim 16, wherein said first function does

2   not disable a user control interface, allowing a user to change said operations mode of said

3   optical disc player.

1   18.   The computer readable medium of claim 16, wherein said program interpreter

2   further recognizes and causes an execution of a second function that enables a user control

3   interface to allow a user to change said operations mode of said optical disc player.

1   19.   The computer readable medium of claim 16, wherein said optical disc player

2   comprises a dedicated optical disc player.

1   20.   The computer readable medium of claim 16, wherein said optical disc player

2   is embodied in a computer system.

1   21.   The computer readable medium of claim 16, wherein said program interpreter

2   further recognizes and causes an execution of a second function that changes said operations

3   mode of said optical disc player to said user agent mode wherein said user agent menu is

4   displayed in a foreground of said displaying device.

1   22.   An optical disc player, comprising:

2   an optical disc reading device to read an interactive program stored on a local optical

3   disc;

4   a video/audio interface to interface with a displaying device for displaying a user

5   agent menu and/or a video playback menu; and

6   a processor to execute a first function of said interactive program which changes an

7   operations mode of the optical disc player to a video playback mode where the video

8   playback menu is displayed in a foreground of said displaying device and said user agent

9   menu is running in a background of said displaying device.

1   23.   The optical disc player of claim 22, further comprising a user control
2 interface to allow said user to change said operations mode of said optical disc player.

1   24.   The optical disc player of claim 23, wherein execution of said first function
2 disable said user control interface to prevent said user from changing said operations mode of
3 said optical disc player.

1   25.   The optical disc player of claim 23, wherein said processor is capable of
2 executing a second function of said interactive program that enables said user control
3 interface to allow said user to change said operations mode of said optical disc player.

1   26.   The optical disc player of claim 22, wherein said optical disc player
2 comprises a dedicated optical disc player.

1   27.   The optical disc player of claim 22, wherein said optical disc player is
2 embodied in a computer system.

1   28.   The optical disc player of claim 22, wherein said processor to execute a
2 second function that changes said operations mode to said user agent mode where said user
3 agent mode is displayed in said foreground of said displaying device.